

## Misuse...

- ◆ Child unrestrained or sharing belt
- ◆ Rear-facing baby in front of an airbag
- ◆ Harness loose or not on shoulders
- ◆ Car Seat loose– moves more than an inch at belt path
- ◆ Shoulder belt under arm or under back
- ◆ Children ages 12 and under riding in front seat



## **Sponsored by: UW-Extension, Clark County Family Resource Center, and Clark County Health Department**

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To have your Car Seat checked by a  
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Info adapted from:

<http://www.nhtsa.gov/people/outreach/safesobr/15qp/web/danger.html>

<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/safety/vehicle/child/use.htm>

## Car Seats for Kids



Clark County



#### Eligibility:

- ◆ Clark County Resident

AND

- ◆ Income Eligible:

- ◆ WIC Participant
- ◆ Food Shares
- ◆ Head Start
- ◆ Other

#### Cost:

- ◆ \$15 for Car Seat
- ◆ \$5 for Booster Seat

#### Car Seat Check:

Available at no cost!

Please call for upcoming check dates

## Wisconsin Child Passenger Safety Law

1. **Less than 1 year old who weighs less than 20 lbs.** Must be “properly restrained” (defined in act) in a rear-facing child safety seat in the back seat of the vehicle. If the vehicle is equipped with a back seat.
2. **At least 1 year old and weighs at least 20 lbs but is less than 4 years old or weighs less than 40 lbs.** Must be properly restrained in a forward facing child safety seat in the back seat of the vehicle if the vehicle is equipped with a back seat.
3. **At least 4 years old but less than 8 years old, weighs at least 40 lbs but not more than 80 lbs, and is more than 57 inches tall.** Must be properly restrained in a “child booster seat” (defined in act).
4. **Ages 8 or older or exceeds the weight or height limits in item 3., above,** must be properly restrained by a safety belt.

## Basics for Car Seat Safety

1. **Newborn infants must ride reclined at 45 degrees** to keep baby's head from dropping forward.
2. **Forward-facing children should ride in upright position.** This allows the harness system to restrain the body most effectively.
3. **Harness slot positions:**
  - Rear-facing position uses lowest slots. Straps should be at or below infant's shoulders.
  - Forward-facing position uses top slots at or above child's shoulders.
  - When harness straps are moved or replaced after cleaning, be sure they are correctly placed and the harness adjuster is secured.
4. **Adjust harness for a snug fit.** Check harness adjustment frequently. Change length as child grows. Adjust snugly for thinner/thicker outer clothes. Adjust to fit child snugly without being too tight (should be able to slip only one finger under harness at chest).
5. **Retainer clip holds straps on shoulders.** Place at armpit height.
6. **Car Seat should be installed tightly enough so it does not move more than one inch at belt path.**